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Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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By

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor
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HB 1430 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Chairs Kim and Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs Kidani and Fevella, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1430 HD1. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports passage of HB 1430 HD1 which seeks to establish an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach to be placed within UH Hilo through a collaboration between the UH Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center ('Imiloa) and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani (College).

The legislature established the College under HRS §§ 304A-1301-1302 in 1997 and has continued to support Hawaiian language revitalization and growth through various legislative acts since that time. HB 1430 HD1 establishes an institute within UH Hilo that will have its own unique powers of scheduling, outreach, and functionality to be able to continue the mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language and reintegrating its use within the State. Furthermore, the establishment of the institute enhances the ability of UH Hilo, the College, 'Imiloa, and our collaborators to address the needs of the State with a particular emphasis on developing an early education Hawaiian medium pathway and addressing the P-25 efforts of the College.

UH Hilo has found that both 'Imiloa and the College face many unique situations that require agility to address the State's Hawaiian language needs. Among such things are scheduling courses outside the standard university semesters to provide curriculum and instruction to PreK-12 institutions, teaching at the College's laboratory school program in areas where there are gaps in instruction, utilizing upper division college students to teach lower division/dual credit courses in beginning Hawaiian for English medium high school students, and providing personnel support for oceanic voyaging. The Institute would be responsible for assigning personnel to work in coordination with the public and charter schools to address both long term and short term needs and addressing an increasing number of requests from State offices for Hawaiian translation support. Lastly, establishment of the Institute raises the profile of our work in language revitalization and opens up more opportunities to obtain external funding.

UH Hilo is proud of the work that 'Imiloa and the College have already accomplished and see this institute as providing UH Hilo the ability to better serve the State. We look forward to discussions between UH Hilo administration, 'Imiloa, the College and legislators to further clarify and define the role of the institute.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

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Kupuna for the Mo'opuna	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB1430 HD1**. Mahalo!



Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u

"No 'Ane'i Ko Kākou Ola"

March 18, 2023

HB1430 HD1

STRONGLY SUPPORT

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Mercado Kim, ka Luna Ho'omalū Shimabukuro a me nā lālā o nā kōmike Kulanui me ke Kuleana Hawai'i, Aloha nui kākou,

My name is Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā, Director and Principal of Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u (Nāwahī), a P-12 laboratory school of the Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani (KH'UOK) at UH-Hilo. Nāwahī has a current enrollment of 646 in its Kea'au campus and two satellite sites in Waimea and Wai'ānae. As a Hawaiian language medium school, families choose Nāwahī for its integrity, research history and a nearly 30-year reputation of providing quality education rooted in the Kumu Honua Mauli Ola philosophy and in the use and study of the Hawaiian language.

Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u **strongly supports HB1430 HD1.**

HB1430 HD1 will address the obstacles Nāwahī faces in further developing Hawaiian language proficiency among Nāwahī students, teachers and families, and allow us to work with others more effectively in achieving our vision and mission. As a laboratory school of UHH, we've seen that university systems are designed in a way that requires us to put in extra time and effort to justify intention to create and execute Hawaiian language medium learning experiences taught by highly qualified teachers proficient in the language. Restrictive year-round scheduling, processing approval of new Hawaiian language medium coursework and Hawaiian language medium teacher qualifications are examples of barriers that HB1430 HD1 will address. Nāwahī students who are enrolled in dual credit courses require scheduling and planning that require flexibility. HB1430 HD1 will support and expand the existing efforts to increase the number of Hawaiian language immersion/medium school teachers, cut the "red tape", extend collaborations locally and beyond. It will strengthen the overall Hawaiian language medium effort. HB1430 HD1 will afford the public with an innovative system through which we can collaborate and create new Hawaiian language medium growth opportunities building on the successes we have experienced over time.

HB 1430 HD1 will address the obstacles we now face and accord distinct powers to work in ways that will benefit the needs and goals of the public.

Me ka mahalo 'oia'i'o,

Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Wada	Testifying for Ukwanshin Kabudan	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Nui / Gusūyo Chūwuganabira,

I am sending my full support for HB 1430, as it will help in expanding the growing Indigenous language programs at Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, which is recognized internationally as an essential resource for the perpetuation of endangered Indigenous languages. This will also benefit the university and Hilo by serving the local community and also to offer more opportunities to students. Their connection to ‘Imiloa Center is also a great partnership in the growth of the Hawaiian language, and with the passing of HB 1430, will open up other windows to connect with other Indigenous communities as well as the diverse local and international student population.

I humbly ask for all of your support and look forward to your positive response.

Me ke alohaha‘aha‘a,

Eric Wada

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawehi Keolanui	Testifying for Ke Kula 'o Nawahiokalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui e nā 'elele o ka 'Aha 'Ōlelo,

Eia wau 'o Kawehi Keolanui me ke kāko'oku i ka pila HB1430 no ka pono o ke aukahi 'ōlelo Hawai'i a me ke ola o ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

E mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono!

na Kawehi



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LOCATION: State Capitol, Conference Room 229
HB1430 HD1 Relating to the University of Hawai'i

Aloha Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani; Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and members of the committees,

My name is Ka'iulani Laehā, Chief Executive Officer of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo. With 13 language nest, child care centers in all counties of Hawai'i, the 'Aha Pūnana Leo is the only statewide provider of Hawaiian medium early childhood programs and education. We stand on 40 years of experience in language revitalization and early childhood related programs.

The 'Aha Pūnana Leo strongly supports HB1430 HD1.

Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, the state Hawaiian language college, works with 'Aha Pūnana Leo to provide early childhood teacher training, language fluency development, curriculum development, assessments and action research. Together with the public charter Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u and the college we demonstrate a Hawaiian medium education pathway from infant-toddler through doctoral degree education. Since 2005, the 'Aha Pūnana Leo has conducted its annual 'Aha Nu'ukia statewide professional development for all staff in which laboratory schools of the college throughout the state benefit from the intense week long training. We share an educational philosophy Ke Kumu Honua Mauli Ola guides our work. Aligning Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute will increase support for the laboratory school program and further support indigenous language revitalization in Hawai'i and beyond.

One of our most significant challenges in language revitalization work, especially seen in language nest programs, is the dire need for kumu proficient in the language. This bill seeks to move the college and 'Imiloa into an institute model that would allow for the great need to support obtaining higher language proficiency among new teachers year-round.

The establishment of our current P-25 Hawaiian language medium pathway was revolutionary for native language revitalization efforts on a national level; establishing an institute of indigenous education, science and outreach is the next groundbreaking step needed to help us regain a normalized Hawaiian language and remain a national and global leader in native language education.

We urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo,


Ka'iulani



Testimony in Support of HB 1430 In the Legislature of the State of Hawaii House Higher
Education Committee
Submitted by Leslie Harper, President National Coalition of Native American Language Schools
and Programs

My name is Leslie Harper. I am an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in the State of Minnesota. I write in strong support of HB1430 in my capacity as the President of the National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs (NCNALSP). The NCNALSP leadership and advisory board is comprised of Native Hawaiians and Native Americans from across the United States. We wholeheartedly support HB 1430 passage.

The National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs seeks to educate and advocate for the use of Native languages as the medium of instruction in schools and programs. The National Coalition is a non-partisan group of organizations, families, parents and allies formed in January 2014 at the stabilizing indigenous languages symposium (SILS) conference in Hilo, Hawaii. The Coalition represents existing programs in seventeen different states and offers assistance to groups seeking to start programs in these and other states and American territories.

Coalition partners from Hawaiian language-medium programs and schools have been exceptional leaders and supporters of language-medium programs in other states, providing a model of excellence and support as others develop and implement their programs. NCNALSP brings together schools and programs taught through Native American languages under the provisions of the federal Native American Languages Act of 1990 (NALA, P.L. 101-477). The Coalition partners include Bureau of Indian Education schools, standard public schools, charter schools, and private schools. The Coalition also includes the full range of education from preschool through to grade 12 and into tertiary education. All partners provide education through a Native American language for one half or more of all education in targeted grades. As more and more Native language-medium programs are developed and implemented, there is an increased need for research, evaluation, development, and implementation support for the unique

language-medium models. HB1430 provides a way to increase the capacity of the College and its partners to work together with NCNALSP's expanding membership.

HB 1430 is important to the NCNALSP because of the leadership role of Hawaii's Native Hawaiian language-medium programs in assisting a parallel movement for Native American and Alaska Native languages. As the longest-operating pre-school to higher education Native American language-medium system, Hawaii's efforts have been a model and a support to many of our partners across seventeen states in which our other partner language-medium schools and programs operate. The Institute produced by your state through HB1430 to unite the Hawaiian language college KaHaka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades, will provide other Indigenous languages of the United States a template within a U.S. political context that we could use in considering our own circumstances and needs. HB 1430 will continue to build capacity in Hawaii to increase the stability of Native Hawaiian language, and provides increased access to expert practitioners to support other such efforts in other states.

Again, the NCNALSP strongly supports HB 1430 which will lead the way nationally in developing language planning for the revitalization and normalization of our precious languages unique to the United States, and in your case, Hawaii. Miigwech/thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

March 20, 2023

Re: HB 1430 Relating to University of Hawaii at Hilo

Senate Committees on Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capital
Conference Room 229
415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair Mercado-Kim, Chair Shimabukuro, vice chairs, and members of the committees,

My name is Garth Yamanaka, and I am the Government Affairs Committee Chair of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii (JCCIH). The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii has been incorporated since 1951 and represents over 300 members of the business community. On behalf of JCCIH, I would like to testify in **strong support of HB1430 HD1** which establishes an institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Specifically, this effort will help to:

- Expand the center and college's collective reach and potential to address the State's and community's Hawaiian language needs;
- Provide for year round scheduling and flexibility to extend UH-Hilo's College of Hawaiian Language and 'Imiloa's agility in responding to opportunities and initiatives to develop Hawaiian language proficiency and Hawaiian language medium pathways;
- Innovate and produce work that stand as a model for other indigneous peoples by providing high quality education from a distinctive language base.

JCCIH has been a supporter of education and the viability of Hawai'i's community to maintain unique cultural and local ways - including the Hawaiian language. This bill will not only strengthen education opportunities, but will also further support the State of Hawai'i's constitutional mandate to provide access to and resources for Hawaiian language usage. This designation will also further fortify Hawai'i as a leader of indigenous language revitalization and can help to attract other funding resources including private and federal dollars to Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure. We ask that you please support HB1430 HD1.

Mahalo,

[garth yamanaka \(Mar 20, 2023 12:32 HST\)](#)

Garth Yamanaka
Government Affairs Committee Chair, 2022-2023

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Re: H.B. 1430 H.D. 1 – Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Dear Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella, and Members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1430 HD1. The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee supports H.B. 1430 HD1, which seeks to establish an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach to be placed within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (U.H. Hilo) through a collaboration between the U.H. Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

H.B. 1430 HD1 builds upon the critical mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language and reintegrating its purpose as an official language of the State of Hawai'i. Furthermore, establishing such an institute enhances the ability of U.H. Hilo, the Hawaiian Language College, 'Imiloa, and our island community as a national and global leader in native language education.

For these reasons and many more, the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee supports the passage of H.B. 1430 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Randy Kurohara
President-Elect, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o piha wau HB1430 HD1!

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Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With Hawaii having two official languages it's critical that more program and funding be allocated to train more native speakers as it should be the goal to have 'ōlelo become more prevalent in everyday life here in Hawai'i. That needs to start with more opportunities for teachers to learn so they can teach it to the next generation. As a kupuna I am even noticing that the older generation is seeking classes where they too can learn. Just not enough native speakers to teach. The demand is there, so any program that will bridge that gap and get more teachers to speak 'ōlelo and in turn teach is fully supported by me

HB-1430-HD-1

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Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norman Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1430, the measure to establish the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Hawai'i has much to offer in terms of educational curriculum and practice centered in Native Hawaiian thought and culture. It seems only natural for one of our major higher education institutions to take a leadership position in providing a university-level center for such learning based on a solid foundation of Native Hawaiian learning, particularly under the guidance of a proven institution such as the Hawaiian Language College. Not only will this provide a needed space for indigenous researchers and students, but can help create a new micro-economy in Hilo by bringing together other indigenous communities to the island for classes, symposiums, and conventions. Through my work within my Okinawan heritage community, I have partnered with the wise and able leaders of Hawaiian Language College at UH Hilo, Dr. Keiki Kawai'ai'a and Dr. Pila Wilson, who have been generous with their resources and knowledge to help other indigenous communities while keeping the needs of their home communities in focus. I cannot think of better leadership for such an important institute for not just Hawai'i, but the entire Pacific Rim and North America.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2023 6:01:50 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice K T Shiira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose HB 1430 HD1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shane Akagi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Mercado Kim, Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs,

I would like to provide testimony in support of HB1430 HD1. This bill will help to continue the revitalization not only of our host culture, but also that of many other endangered indigenous cultures.

While the Native Hawaiian culture is now enjoying a renaissance, it must continue to be nurtured to flourish. We must ensure that the language and culture do not fade away, as history has shown it would only take a single generation to happen again.

A more independent center will allow for continued growth of the Hawaiian culture but also that of other indigenous cultures that face extinction.

Thank you for your time.

HB-1430-HD-1

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Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rene Nakama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430

Testimony in strong support of passage of HB 1430 HD1

Dr. William H. Wilson March 19, 2023

Aloha Chairs Mercado Kim and Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committees on Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Dr. William H. Wilson. I am a linguist working at the state legislature mandated College of Hawaiian Language where I teach doctoral courses in endangered Indigenous language revitalization and Indigenous language medium education.

HB 1430 HD1 provides a means to address a major state concern, the development of a Hawaiian language medium pathway for early education. It also seeks to support other Indigenous and marginalized groups of people with a model that might be expanded to serve them. Our College, also known as Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, has been quite successful in developing high proficiency in Hawaiian among students by adopting a total Hawaiian language working environment and course delivery model that is growing to function like a Hawaiian medium/immersion mini university. It is through moving to delivering courses in liberal education outside Hawaiian studies, e.g., world history, and through running our administration totally through Hawaiian that we can provide students with the 1,100 hours of language use recommended by the US Foreign Service.

We have also succeeded in developing a P-12 demonstration Hawaiian language medium school under the laboratory school provisions of HRS 304H establishing the College. However, much of the work in doing so has been very difficult and slow moving due to constraints within the overall University of Hawai'i System, that are standard university procedures in the country, but not designed for an entity like our own. We want to be able to spread the benefits of our work further across the state (horizontal expansion) as well as improve further (vertical expansion). There are major needs of the state including teacher shortages in both Hawaiian language medium/immersion schools and in standard model high school. This new structure will allow us to address those needs more efficiently and quickly.

The Hawaiian/English bilingual 'Imiloa Center has an outstanding record of working with the general public and bringing science and the Hawaiian world view as found in the language together. They have done a wonderful job of outreach, but 'Imiloa lacks the ability of our College to provide credits, certificates and degrees. They too are sometimes constrained by standard university procedures and regulations. The standard university structure is not meant for an entity like 'Imiloa that is part museum and part outreach unit. HB 1430 HD1 and the proposed institute will be a major benefit to the state.

The provisions of HB 1430 could be further strengthened by features that specifically relate to the work of the proposed institute and its work in developing a Hawaiian language medium early childhood pathway. I respectfully request that your committee specifically consider sections 6-10 of HB 962 that refer to the work of the College and which were not considered in the hearing of that bill.

Mahalo nui for the special interest of the legislature in the work of the College and 'Imiloa.

HB-1430-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kala'akea Aguiar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 1430, HD1 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Kala'akea Aguiar and I am a proud 2020 graduate of Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, a K-12 Hawaiian language medium laboratory public school on Hawai'i Island. I **strongly support** House Bill 1430. HB1430 seeks to unite Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language with 'Imiloa Astronomy Center into a single institute to help establish a pathway for developing Hawaiian language medium early education and continuing on into higher grade levels. This institute will also be able to increase support needed for the College's laboratory schools, of which I am a product of, and build upon the progress and hard work that has occurred/is occurring. Please pass HB1430.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kala'akea K. Aguiar

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaimana Cabebe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Mercado Kim and Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs Committees,

I am a teacher and parent at Kula Kaiapuni o Hāna and Pūnana Leo o Hāna. We are located in very rural area on the eastside of Maui. I am writing in support of HB1430. This bill would help communities like ours by providing the training and support needed to produce quality Hawaiian language medium early education teachers. Please pass this bill.

me ka ha'aha'a,

Kaimana Cabebe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nalei K. Harris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

My name is Nālei K. Harris and I fully support HB 1430. This bill, which seeks to unite the Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haku ‘Ula o Ke‘elikolani with ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, will help to establish a pathway for developing Hawaiian language medium early education and continue into higher grade levels.

Please show your support for HB1430 by passing this much needed bill for the people of Hawai‘i.

Mahalo nui loa

Nālei K. Harris

HB-1430-HD-1

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Edward "Piki" Hayward	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430

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Kaipo Crouch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i ka pila 1430. I support HB1430

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miwa Tamanaha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to express support for HB1430, and support for the establishment of an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science and Outreach within UH Hilo with UH Hilo ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center (‘Imiloa) and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani (College) -- providing greater flexibility and opportunities to garner resources, strengthening relationships between organizations and institutions for alignment to meet the needs and opportunities for the perpetuation of Hawaiian language in Hawai‘i. Hawaiian language as a vibrant, growing pillar of community life in Hawai‘i benefits all, across ethnicities and geographies.

Miwa Tamanaha
Waipi‘o, Ewa, O‘ahu

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Nako'o Warrington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong Support!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting this testimony in SUPPORT of bill HB1430.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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Doug Simons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha – It is a pleasure to offer my **strong SUPPORT** for HB1430 HD1. From my vantage point ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at UH Hilo are uniquely positioned, not only within UH but globally, to take a leadership role in developing curricula, methods, and techniques to serve the needs of indigenous populations through the advancement of their native languages and cultures. Establishing the proposed institute within the UH framework will help provide the level of academic stature and international prestige needed to take the existing Hawaiian studies programs at UH Hilo to a whole new level. The numerous programs developed at ‘Imiloa that bring together Hawaiian and contemporary science are a model for other similar organizations and institutions to follow and illustrate the potential if existing resources at UH Hilo are amplified and further empowered through the proposed institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach.

House Bill 1430 HD1 Relating to the University of Hawaii

Senate Committees of Higher Education and Hawaiian Affairs

Hawaii State Legislature

March 21, 2023 3:00p.m.

Dear Chairs Mercado Kim and Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my strong support for the passage of HB 143 HD1.

This measure, if enacted, will create an invaluable asset which will continue the mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language. The Institute would be given flexibility to fully utilize existing resources, as well as leveraging new, innovative and culturally based perspectives to achieve its goals. This Institute will create the necessary capacity to further serve and develop Hawaiian language proficiency within our pre-K through high school student bodies. The creation and ultimate success of the Institute will rely upon the already demonstrated successes of the Imiloa Astronomy Center and the University of Hawaii Hilo language College. Passage of this measure will provide another avenue to continue the State's support and development of Hawaiian language proficiency.

Mahalo for your support for the passage of this measure.

John T. Komeiji

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:24:18 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac Ahuna	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the passing of this bill!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:26:55 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandy De Lima-Suganuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I humbly support HB 1430 to further the growth needs of Hawaiian language medium education.

Respectfully submitted.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:33:15 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Fischer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:48:30 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac Knell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:48:34 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahiwa Shin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly support HB1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:48:34 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Pascual	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support hb1430.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:48:48 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawika Lyons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:06 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Namaka Ellis-Tingle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:08 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamaehu Glendon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly support testimony HB 1430.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:12 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyana Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:27 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaumuali'i Harman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:31 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kepoinalu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:49:58 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenike Aipolani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:50:18 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anela Lavea-Malloe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:51:00 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kamaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:52:40 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahaliʻa Masaoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:59:11 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Allen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430

Micah K. Alameda Sr.

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March 21, 2023

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Hawai'i State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 1430 HD1 - Relating to the
University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

Aloha e Chair Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, Chair Shimabukuro, and Vice Chair Fevella,

As a Native Hawaiian and as a father of Native Hawaiian children I am proud to testify in **strong support** of H.B. 1430 HD1, relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The unification of the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and into the higher grades.

The establishment of this institute will also increase support for the College's laboratory school program as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages.

The passage of H.B. 1430 HD1, indicates an awareness of the significance of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani and 'Imiloa as they address the needs of and ensure the forward progress of Hawaiian language medium education.

Mahalo for allowing the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

Na'u me ka 'oia'i'o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. K. Alameda Sr.', written in a cursive style.

Micah K. Alameda Sr.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:09:16 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jolinda Fortunato	Testifying for school	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kako‘o wau kēia pila HB 1430. Mahalo na Jolinda Fortunato

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:12:31 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Akoni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:12:32 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kaleo kama'i	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:12:59 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keʻalahilani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:13:08 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tori Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

He hana maika'i kēia.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:24:51 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Puawehiwa Kimokeo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this bill!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:24:55 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristy Uilani K Palis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this bill.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:42:13 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaipolani Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

E ka ‘Aha ‘Ōlelo,

Kāko‘o piha au!

I am in full support of bill BH1430

Na Kaipolani Kim

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:02:14 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kayla Asing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

I am a makua in the papahana ho‘ōla ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1430. My children are currently enrolled at Pūnana Leo o Hilo and Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalan‘ōpu‘u and we have made it our goal for Hawaiian language to be the medium of education for our keiki through the college level. HB1430 will help to streamline and expand current efforts through innovative collaboration to afford my keiki and all the ‘ohana who are choosing this education pathway now, and for future generations, the ability to be educated to their fullest potential, and in their native language. Mahalo for your time and consideration of my support for HB 1430. Aloha.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:08:13 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'iu Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui,

I would like to testify in strong support of HB1430 HD1 which establishes an institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Specifically, this effort will help to:

- Expand the center and college's collective reach and potential to address the State's and community's Hawaiian language needs;
- Provide for year round scheduling and flexibility to extend UH-Hilo's College of Hawaiian Language and 'Imiloa's agility in responding to opportunities and initiatives to develop Hawaiian language proficiency and Hawaiian language medium pathways;
- Innovate and produce work that stand as a model for other indigneous peoples by providing high quality education from a distinctive language base.

This bill will not only strengthen education opportunities, but will also further support the State of Hawai'i's constitutional mandate to provide access to and resources for Hawaiian language usage. This designation will also further fortify Hawai'i as a leader of indigenous language revitalization and can help to attract other funding resources including private and federal dollars to Hawai'i. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure. I humbly ask for your support HB1430 HD1.

na Ka'iu Kimura

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:29:33 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Peterson(Nani)	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:30:56 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Desmond grace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:31:06 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Griffin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:31:30 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Im all in to push this bill

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:35:30 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashton Fujioka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.1!!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:36:34 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malakai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree on using the uses we have access to now then making new ones we could use the resources we have then making new ones

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 10:37:09 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ozzy Brewer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:04:28 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lee Tonouchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I writing for say I support HG1430.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:07 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mesiyo-Marilynn Delos santos-asada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because we need more local schools so people can learn and improved on themselves and show what subjects or jobs suit them.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:41 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
HallieJoy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:41 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezekiel gonzales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:43 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Irie-Passion Soto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:43 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah Madeira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:47 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MIKI	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:49 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denali Ewing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:50 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruthann Aloka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because as a student of Kapolei high School I believe that every school should have the subjects that the students need to become the future.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:49:57 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support with Fellow support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:50:33 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaholokula Kitashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:50:49 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelson kitzmiller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this as a student in Kapolei High School.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 11:54:57 AM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Gersaba-Myers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill as Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elilikolani and 'Imiloa have been teaching Hawaiian in their schools, and definitely has the ability to assist UHM with Hawaiian language.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 12:22:36 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Matson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

As a parent of 2 keiki in Hawaiian Language Immersion school I strongly support this bill.

Mahalo,

Shannon Matson

Hawai'i Island Resident

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 1:14:27 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Bouchard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for your continued support of this bill. The unifying of Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani with ‘Imiloa Center supports progressive and innovative education in the state. Allowing the continued evolution of dynamic early education pathways for Hawaiian medium education as well as on into the higher education will encourage the perpetuation of growth oriented thinking, educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages, and recognition of the multifaceted sort of thinking we need to evolve in challenging times. According the powers to work more independently will not only recognize the efficacy of culturally seated systems but allow for more people and organizations to integrate one of the states recognized languages and the knowledge it affords us into daily life.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 1:46:48 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Shimabukuro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430 HD1

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 1:59:26 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Irwin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to voice my strong support for this bill, which will provide essential improvement to further facilitate language revitalization efforts at UH Hilo.

Mahalo nui,

Robert Kai Irwin

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:10:45 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Saft	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I work in the Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language, and I want to offer my full support for this bill. I believe it will allow those of us who work in the area of teaching indigenous languages such as Hawaiian (but also indigenous languages across the world) to be able to reach a far-ranging audience that includes people in Hawai‘i but also reaches out to the mainland U.S. and also throughout the world. Here in Hawai‘i, this institute will allow us to service the Hawaiian language speaking community and at the same time make it possible to run programs to assist speakers of other languages prevalent here in the community that include Marshallese, Chuukese, Ilocano, Tagalog, Japanese, and Chinese, among others. Outside of Hawai‘i, the institute will enable us to work together with speakers of other indigenous languages and put them together with our own local students who will be able to expand their knowledge about the plights of other indigenous languages throughout the world. All in all, this proposed bill will be very positive for our minority students in Hawai‘i and serve as a great contribution to minority languages throughout the world.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:41:37 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
regina peterson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:42:15 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keligh Takahashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in support.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:42:19 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kuini Kawaaauhau- AuHoon	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Iam in support.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:42:20 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kainalu Alama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in Support!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:42:25 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zandrea Hill-Brack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:42:43 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
seth anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:43:14 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hi'ilani Nalua'i	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. This is very important for us as Hawaiians and humans to integrate modern ways with the lifestyle / cultures of our ancestors who were here before us.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:44:25 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Navales-Pepe'e	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:44:49 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malinakeaolani Nalua?i	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support!

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:45:48 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:46:42 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Romero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to help my children grow in there Hawaiian language.

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:47:17 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayden Agas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree with this bill

HB-1430-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 3:01:13 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Spain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Chairs and Committee Members,

I would like to testify in **strong support of HB1430 HD1** which establishes an institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach within the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Specifically, this effort will help to:

- Expand the center and college’s collective reach and potential to address the State’s and community’s Hawaiian language needs;
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This designation will also further fortify Hawai‘i as a leader of indigenous language revitalization and can help to attract other funding resources including private and federal dollars to Hawai‘i. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure. We ask that you please support HB1430 HD1.

Mahalo,

Lisa Spain

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:51:35 PM

Testimony for HRE on 3/21/2023 3:09:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taacia Kukui Akana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a kanaka and native Hawaiian language speaker, I support the bill HB1430 because it opens up more opportunities for ‘ohana Hawai‘i and the community at large to give their keikie the opportunity to learn ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and ‘ike Hawai‘i through the language itself, which is invaluable to the Hawaiian people, culture, and identity.

The Hawaiian language, being that it is one of the state languages, should be taught freely in our ‘āina and also supported by the state (i.e. funding, no pre-k testing, creation of more schools, programs, trainings, etc.) Any hindrance of it is discriminatory and also oppressive to the native people and culture. Furthering the mission of the Punana Leo is truly beneficial for the younger generations to better understand where they come from and where they will go in the world.

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Comments:

I support this.

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